



TENDING THE VINEYARD

Stewardship of Religious Property

Educational Sessions for Strategic Property Planning

SESSION 2

Advantages of Defining and Articulating a Religious Institute's Realities

1. Offers a way for the institute to define the conditions and circumstances that matter most
2. Roots an institute's strategic property planning process in objective realities by being fact-based
3. Simplifies and makes it easier for members to absorb and understand complex and complicated information
4. Clarifies through articulation of the institute's significant realities in simple, declarative sentences
5. Clears the way for planning for the future by getting members "on the same page" about realities that are difficult to deny
6. Promotes deeper understanding among members by establishing a platform through which members can "process" and raise questions about an institute's realities
7. Demonstrates to members that their input matters and their active participation is important by being transparent and open to questioning and clarification
8. Can be formally affirmed by institute members to acknowledge that a common and shared understanding about realities exists among members
9. Shows process transparency by making detailed information to support reality statements available to members
10. Provides a common perspective that helps members understand more fully an institute's future needs and challenges
11. Becomes a springboard for decisions about an institute's priorities for its strategic property planning process
12. Serves as an anchor and frame of reference as a strategic property planning process moves along

